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Title:

"Method and Machine for Forming Protective Film on Sprayed Coating of Large-Sized Product"

## SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Sir:

Further to the Amendment-D, dated November 17, 1999, applicant additionally responds to questions posed by the Examiner, as follows.

- 1. With regards to applicant's knowledge of the manner in which small parts are coated with a strippable paint, as discussed in the Background section of the present application, it is applicant's belief that the strippable paint has been applied to the small parts using a paint brush.
- 2. With regards to applicant's knowledge of information relating to assembly of small, coated parts, applicant notes US Patent 5,542,699. Copy Enclosed.
- Applicant is not aware of any prior art teaching preliminary and non-preliminary drying steps/means.

Applicant again respectfully submits that all of the present claims are patentably distinct over all of the references of record, based on those reasons set forth in Amendment-

D.

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